



EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

5 March 1985  
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS  
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group  
SUBJECT: Monthly Report -- Swaziland Bureau -- February 1985

I. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Relations between South Africa and Botswana were tense during the month after the so-called independent homeland of Bophuthatswana threatened to invade Botswana because of the passage of ANC cadres through that country, as reported by Gaborone Radio on 4 February. Johannesburg Radio reported a statement by RSA Foreign Minister Pik Botha warning Botswana that the infiltration could not continue. On the 22nd, however, after talks between the two foreign ministers, Botha said the RSA accepted Botswana's assurances on the subject and would not insist on a separate security treaty.

2. On the 18th riots broke out in Crossroads, a squatter camp near Cape Town, and violence flared over several days. The bureau filed considerable reportage from various media on incidents that eventually resulted in 18 being killed. In another major South African domestic story, Umtata Capital Radio and SAPA reported on the 19th the arrest of six anti-apartheid campaign leaders on treason charges.

3. After a consumer request relayed by LRB for extensive reportage on the five-nation Portuguese-speaking African countries' summit in Sao Tome, the bureau processed, in addition to reportage, the three-take text of the conference final communique and the two-take summit declaration on South Africa, both from Maputo Radio.

4. The bureau processed expeditiously the Swazi Queen's speech to the nation opening parliament on the 7th as well as several items requested by the embassy on the health minister's statement touching on the student strike, the principal secretary for education's statement on UNESCO and the finance minister's budget speech.

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5. The bureau added weekend coverage of the major Maputo, Luanda and RSA evening casts via timer after having covered them experimentally for the past two months. The casts are not very productive but do occasionally carry worthwhile items which may not be available from subsequent casts.

#### B. Lateral Services

The U.S. Liaison Mission in Namibia closed its doors on the 15th and the bureau discontinued lateral services to it. Officers at the American Embassy in Pretoria are receiving the material previously sent to Windhoek.

### II. ADMINISTRATION

#### Buildings and Grounds

STAT Despite frequent rains, the bureau's remote site operations building is now approaching completion. The work is 90 per cent finished with only "finishing" work remaining to be done. After work is completed, probably mid-March, equipment will be installed. All major equipment has been received and is being stored at the bureau. A team from headquarters will assist Engineer [redacted] with the installation.

Ceilings were replaced in the dining room and family room in the bureau chief's residence. Extensive rewiring is being undertaken in the deputy chief's residence to correct original faulty, dangerous electrical wiring.

### III. VISITS

To the bureau:

STAT [redacted], London Bureau teletype supervisor, arrived 3 March to provide training to the bureau's teletype section, which includes two teletypists hired only six months ago.

From the bureau:

STAT STAT The bureau chief attended a two-day conference at the BBC East African Unit in Nairobi along with Abidjan bureau chief [redacted] and the general manager of the BBC Monitoring Service, David Witherow. It was agreed at the meeting that Swaziland Bureau would check reception of PANA with a view to assuming coverage of Southern Africa, reception permitting, and would also do an

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assessment of the Addis, Lusaka and Dar es Salaam southern  
African liberation movement radios.

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Chief, Swaziland Bureau

## SWAZILAND BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1985

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH : 177,760  
 TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH : 11,210  
 TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: 512

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	5,420	8,040	113
III. <u>OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:</u> (publishable words per month)	127,450	21,070	29,240

## ANGOLA

Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese	13,990		
Luanda ANGOP in English		910	
Luanda ANGOP in French		860	

## BOTSWANA

Gaborone Domestic Service in English	4,680		
Gaborone BOTSWANA DAILY NEWS in English			

## CLANDESTINE

(Clandestine) Radio Truth in English to Zimbabwe	1,970		
(Clandestine) Radio Truth in Ndebele to Zimbabwe			
(Clandestine) Voice of Resistance of the Black Cockerel in Portuguese to Angola	660		
(Clandestine) KUP in Portuguese to Southern & Central Africa		1,690	
(Clandestine) KUP in English to Southern & Central Africa		90	
(Clandestine) Voice of Truth in Portuguese to Angola			

## LESOTHO

Maseru Domestic Service in English	6,220		
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Maseru LESOTHO WEEKLY in English			

BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
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**MADAGASCAR**

Antananarivo Domestic Service in  
French

1,670

**MALAWI**

Blantyre Domestic Service in  
English

430

Blantyre DAILY TIMES in  
English

Blantyre MALAWI NEWS in  
English

**MAURITIUS**

Port Louis Domestic Service in  
English

Port Louis Domestic Service in  
French

**MOCAMBIQUE**

Maputo Domestic Service in  
Portuguese

19,140

Maputo in  
English to Southern Africa

4,310

Beira DIARIO DE MOCAMBIQUE in  
Portuguese

Maputo NOTICIAS in  
Portuguese

Maputo TEMPO in Portuguese

**NAMIBIA**

Windhoek Domestic Service in  
Afrikaans

220

Windhoek DIE REPUBLIKEIN in  
Afrikaans

Windhoek THE WINDHOEK ADVERTISER in  
English

Windhoek WINDHOEK OBSERVER in English

Windhoek DIE SUIDWESTER in Afrikaans

**SOUTH AFRICA**

Johannesburg Domestic Service in  
Afrikaans

930

Johannesburg Domestic Service in  
English

22,030

Johannesburg International Service in  
English

4,240

Johannesburg Television Service in  
Afrikaans

2,830

Johannesburg Television Service in  
English

1,960

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Umtata Capital Radio in English	5,430		
Johannesburg SAPA in English		17,520	
Durban ILANGA in Zulu			
Johanneburg BEELD in Afrikaans			280
Johannesburg CITY PRESS in English			710
Johannesburg RAND DAILY MAIL in English			10,810
Johannesburg RAPPORT in Afrikaans			800
Johannesburg SOWETAN in English			4,240
Johannesburg SUNDAY EXPRESS in English			
Johannesburg SUNDAY STAR in English			4,760
Johannesburg SUNDAY TIMES in English			1,280
Johannesburg THE CITIZEN in English			1,320
Johannesburg THE STAR in English			2,370
Pretoria DIE TRANSVALER in Afrikaans			
SWAZILAND			
Mbabane Domestic Service in English	7,780		
Mbabane Domestic in siSwati			
Mbabane Television Service in English	2,890		
Mbabane Television Service in siSwati	500		
Mbabane THE SWAZI NEWS in English			210
Mbabane THE SWAZI OBSERVER in English			800
Mbabane THE TIMES OF SWAZILAND in English			420
UNITED KINGDOM			
London BBC World Service in English	2,810		
USSR			
Moscow in Ndebele to Zimbabwe			
Moscow in Zulu to Southern Africa	3,930		

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
<b>ZAMBIA</b>			
Lusaka Domestic Service in English	6,570		
Lusaka Voice of Namibia in English	2,320		
Lusaka Voice of Freedom in English to Southern Africa	1,560		
Lusaka SUNDAY TIMES OF ZAMBIA in English			380
Lusaka TIMES OF ZAMBIA in English			480
Lusaka ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL in English			
<b>ZIMBABWE</b>			
Harare Domestic Service in English	8,380		
Harare Domestic Service in Ndebele			
Harare Voice of Namibia in English			
Harare THE HERALD in English			
Harare THE SUNDAY MAIL in English			
Harare The Financial Gazette in English			